

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Increase in Maximum Tuition and Fee Amounts Payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the increase in the Post-9/11 GI Bill maximum tuition and fee amounts payable and the increase in the amount used to determine an individual's entitlement charge for reimbursement of a licensing, certification, or national test for the 2017-2018 academic year (August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For the 2016-2017 academic year (August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017), the Post-9/11 GI Bill allowed VA to pay the actual net cost of tuition and fees not to exceed the in-state amounts for students pursuing training at public schools: \$21,970.46 for students training at private and foreign schools, \$12,554.55 for students training at vocational flight schools, and \$10,671.35 for students training at correspondence schools. Additionally, the entitlement charge for

individuals receiving reimbursement of costs to take a licensing, certification, or national test was one month (rounded to the nearest whole month) for each \$1,832.96 received.

Sections 3313, 3315, and 3315A of title 38, United States Code, direct VA to increase the maximum tuition and fee payments and entitlement-charge amounts each academic year (begins August 1st) based on the most recent percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h). The percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h) is effective October 1st of each year. The most recent percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h) was a 3.8% increase, which was effective October 1, 2016.

The maximum tuition and fee payments and entitlement-charge amounts for training pursued under the Post-9/11 GI Bill beginning after July 31, 2017, and before August 1, 2018, are listed below. VA's calculations for the 2017-2018 academic year are based on the 3.8% increase.

2017 – 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR	
POST-9/11 GI BILL MAXIMUM TUITION AND FEE AMOUNTS	
TYPE OF	ACTUAL NET COST OF TUITION AND FEES NOT TO
SCHOOL	EXCEED
PUBLIC	In-State/Resident Charges
PRIVATE/FOREIGN	\$22,805.34
VOCATIONAL FLIGHT	\$13,031.61
CORRESPONDENCE	\$11,076.86
POST 9/11 ENTITLEMENT CHARGE AMOUNT FOR TESTS	
LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION TESTS	VA will charge one month entitlement (rounded to the nearest whole, non-zero, month) for each \$1,902.61
NATIONAL TESTS	received.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and

authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal

Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of

Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans

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